Talks with ULFA Leaders

2068. SHRI BHADRESWAR GOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the present position of the proposed talks of Govt. with the ULFA leaders;

(b) what are the causes of delay in holding the much published talks with the insurgents;

(c) whether any truce has been arrived at by the Government of Assam with the ULFA; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) to (d) No formal talks have been held by the Govt. of Assam with the ULFA, which has since split into pro-talk and anti-talk factions as a result of "Operation Rhino". The pro-talk leaders have recently formed a coordination committee, which they could not do earlier. Operations are continuing against the militant hard-liners.

Assistance to Kashmiri Migrants

2069. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that in a large number of cases during the past one year Government could not verify the Kashmiri migrants and they have been left to suffer; and

(b) if so, what is the number of such migrants whose cases are yet to be decided for grant of assistance and relief ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Killings of Policemen by Naxalites

2070. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Naxalites had killed some policemen in Gadchiroli District of Maharashtra, recently and also in Warangal in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check such brutal killings by the Naxalites in different States;

(c) the compensation paid by Government to the kith and kin of the policemen killed by the Naxalites; and

(d) the financial assistance given by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) :

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Nexus between Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir Militants

2071. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the nexus between Punjab and Jammu & Kashmir militants who are working in tandem in the border areas of Jammu & Kashmir and Punjab has been unearthed by Government; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to control the militancy in the two states ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Arrest and interrogation of militants by security forces has revealed that there is a